

The year of 2020 is almost over. For many of us, this end cannot come soon enough. Between the pandemic, social unrest, intense political divide, job loss and financial stress, illnesses, loss of loved ones, educational confusion about what is best for students, all causing increases in divorce, all kinds of abuse, addictive behaviors and psychological disorders, we have all experienced an increase in stress and worry. Among all of this chaos it can be a difficult thing to be a people who ought to give thanks to God.

Like many of you, I (Pastor Aaron) receive letters and emails from missionaries and mission organizations all over the world. Folks who are directly connected with these missions are also experiencing all of the aforementioned, but even on a greater level, because many of them already have a depleted bank account, lack of food, and are victims of abuse and religious persecution, among many other everyday issues. However, I read over and over in their letters how God is so good in taking care of their needs and what a thankful heart that they have in the midst of such stress and worry. Even as many of them suffer through persecution simply because they believe in Jesus Christ.

Here is an example of a mission friend, Rev. Naseem, in Pakistan: "Rachel heard the announcement from the mosque that food is being distributed to the poor during this pandemic. She rushed to the center and stood in the line with others. When she presented her national ID card to the official he told her, 'You cannot get the food because you are Christian.' Rachel was heart broken, but felt proud to be denied because she belongs to Jesus. At other centers, officials offer food if they convert to Islam. No conversion reported. Praise HIM." This is a humbling story as I have never known, not even close, what it is to go without food and not know when I may eat again. What do I have to complain about? What do I have to worry or be stressed about?

As the Apostle Paul was in prison and experienced so many other hardships, he still found a way to be thankful and know God's peace that surpasses all understanding. He reminds us of it in Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

It is God who is sovereign and in control. Therefore, we can entrust all things including our difficulties to Him who rules over all of creation with unsurpassed wisdom and love. God gives to us the best way to deal with stress and anxiety...it is not eating a great big meal, but it is through a life of prayer and thanksgiving where we can learn and personally experience God's peace and guardianship over our whole being. So, this Thanksgiving, don't focus on all that is wrong with the world, but fix your eyes upon Jesus Christ, and in Him and Him alone will you find the promises of God. Happy Thanksgiving!

-Pastor Michael and Pastor Aaron

Health Note

Date to remember: Health Ministry Team Meeting - **Nov 15, 2020, 11:30AM** after the worship service, in the library.



"According to the USDA, more than 11 million children in the US live in 'food insecure' homes. In other words, these households do not have enough food for every family member to lead a healthy life. Faith communities are called to step up and fill the gap with nutritious food and healthy beverages. Remember the coronavirus has had a devastating impact on our American economy, including food supply for children. To learn more facts, school programs, and ways to take action, visit <https://bit.ly/2FSxoau>" (The Faith Connection, Sept/Oct, 2020).

We all have more than enough to share - to help in this problem we can donate to a local food pantry or look for a needy neighbor to share our blessings of food and Christ's love.

Scripture: "for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger, and you took Me in,and the King will answer them, I say to you, inasmuch as you did this to the least of these, my brethren, you did it unto Me."

(Matthew 25: 35, 40.)

Don't forget to get your flu shot!

Mission & Evangelism

Of the 7.7 billion people alive today, more than two billion have never heard of Jesus. That is why Frontier Fellowship, one of Clen-Moore's mission partners, strives to engage the world's least-reached places, supporting efforts to establish local churches that can proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom to their communities and beyond. We long to see all people, from every distinct group on earth, encounter the grace of God, and become thriving expressions of the Body of Christ in their unique contexts.

Denise Sciuto is the local Associate Director for Frontier Fellowship. She partners specifically with believers and churches in Sudan, South Sudan, and Uganda. Denise has traveled to Sudan and Uganda to learn more about their ministries and she loves to bring people with her!

MESSENGER DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER IS NOVEMBER 19th

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER, 2020

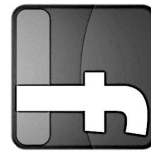
- 1 Ezekiel 40.1-49
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- 3 Ezekiel 42.1 - 43.12
- 4 II Chron. 16.1-14
- 5 II Chron. 17.1-19
- 6 II Chron. 18.1-27
- 7 II Chron. 18.28 - 19.11
- 8 II Chron. 20.1-35
- 9 II Chron. 21.1-20
- 10 II Chron. 22.1 - 23.7
- 11 II Chron. 23.8-21
- 12 II Chron. 24.1-27
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- 24 II Chron. 35.1-27
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- 27 Proverbs 8
- 28 Proverbs 9 Advent
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IN MEMORIAM



Lois Marion Beckwith
10-22-20

Carol Kay
10-23-20

SAVE THE DATE

Communion
November 29th

- Sunday Worship can be viewed live or recorded by going to:
www.clenmoore.org, and click on the blue box that says
"Watch Sunday's worship service" or on Facebook live.

A Message from Caring Friends

Do you know a church member, non-member, neighbor or friend that needs a pick-me-up? We would like to offer soup, rolls and cookies. You may pick them up in the freezer off of Fellowship Hall. We ask that you sign your name to the sheet on the freezer.



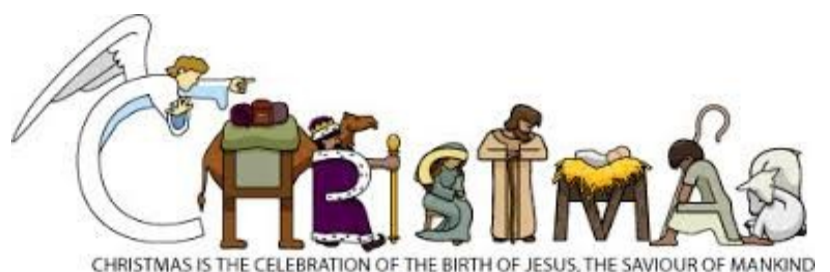
November Deacons of the month:
Barb Richards & Bobbie Gibson



YOUTH CORNER:



- KFC & FlipSide - We will have 2 youth group events for this month, on the Sundays of Nov. 1 and the 15th. More info to come on these activities, as we are working on plans for a new outdoor activity. Stay tuned to your emails.
- Jr./Sr. High Sunday School will be learning from the lives of the following men and women of the Bible: Jonah, Paul, and Lydia. This will wrap up our series before we move into a card Sunday and advent.



Everyone is invited to help decorate for Christmas! Many hands make light work so please stay after worship on **Sunday, November 22nd** to help decorate the Sanctuary and other main areas of the church. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. Just stick around and wait for instructions. Thanks!